

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Articulating component 12 generally has a hemispherical or dome shaped body 18 with an outer surface 20 and inner surface 22. The inner surface 2022 defines a hemispherical cavity 24 for receiving a femoral ball of a femoral hip stem. Inner surface 22 has a concave shape with a smooth articulating wall or surface adapted to articulate with the femoral ball. The outer surface 20 has a hemispherical or dome shape with a smooth surface that is adapted to engage an inner surface of an acetabular shell. An annular rim 26 extends around an outer perimeter of the articulating component along a base portion 30. This base portion includes a distal end with an annular platform or ring-shaped surface 32 that provides an entrance way or opening into the cavity 24 of the articulating component 12. Platform 32 has a planar surface that circumferentially extends around the entire base portion. A sloped ledge or shoulder 34 (Figure 3) is adjacent platform 32 and forms a transition into cavity 24.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one exemplary embodiment, component 14 has a body 60 with a half moon wedge shape. From a bottom view (Figure 2), body 60 generally forms a semi-circular or partial ring shape. Body 60 has a circular inner wall 62 and a circular outer wall 64. These walls are separated to provide the body with a width “W” shown in Figure 3. This width is generally equal to the width of platform 32 on the base portion 30 of the articulating component 12. Preferably, walls 62 and 64 have a smooth

surface with a spherical contour. Two ends 66 and 68 form an end of a tapered portion of body 60. ~~The body~~Body 60 has a top wall or surface 70 formed as a partial annular or circular platform. Surface 70 is planar and adapted to seat against platform 32. A lip 71 (shown in Figure 3) extends upwardly from surface 70 and forms part of the spherical contour of inner wall 62. Preferably, surface 70 is shaped and sized to correspond to the shape and size of platform 32. A bottom wall or surface 72 is oppositely disposed from surface 70. From a bottom view, this surface 72 has a partial annular or circular shape. From a side view, this surface 72 has a tapered or sloped shape. As seen in Figures 2 and 3, a planar surface 74 is adjacent surface 72 on one side, and sloped surface 75 is adjacent surface 72 on another side. As seen in Figure 1 from a perspective view, body 60 has a triangular shape. Preferably, the body has a constant, gradual, and symmetric taper from a radial edge 76 to ends 66 and 68.